

Oregon Department of Transportation Application for Temporary Exemption

Idaho would like Oregon to come into compliance with FMCSA regulations, but not at the expense of losing funding and personnel to enforce commercial vehicle safety.

Although Idaho can empathize with Oregon on the difficulty in getting the legislature to change laws, we are hesitant to support their exemption. This exemption makes it more difficult for Idaho to enforce regulations on the exempt carriers from Idaho who travel interstate. We would like to see Oregon and Idaho be as close as possible on commercial vehicle safety enforcement and feel it would be best accomplished by both states conforming to FMCSA regulations. Idaho is in compliance and would like to see Oregon be the same.

However, we do not want to see Oregon lose any of their MCSAP funds. Idaho has worked closely with them in the past and intends to do so in the future. It would not benefit commercial truck safety to see their MCSAP funds reduced or lost. Already the State of Oregon is suffering severe budget short falls that have resulted in lay offs for essential law enforcement personnel. It would not be in the best interest of commercial vehicle traffic safety for them to lose funding and have to further reduce the number of traffic safety enforcement positions